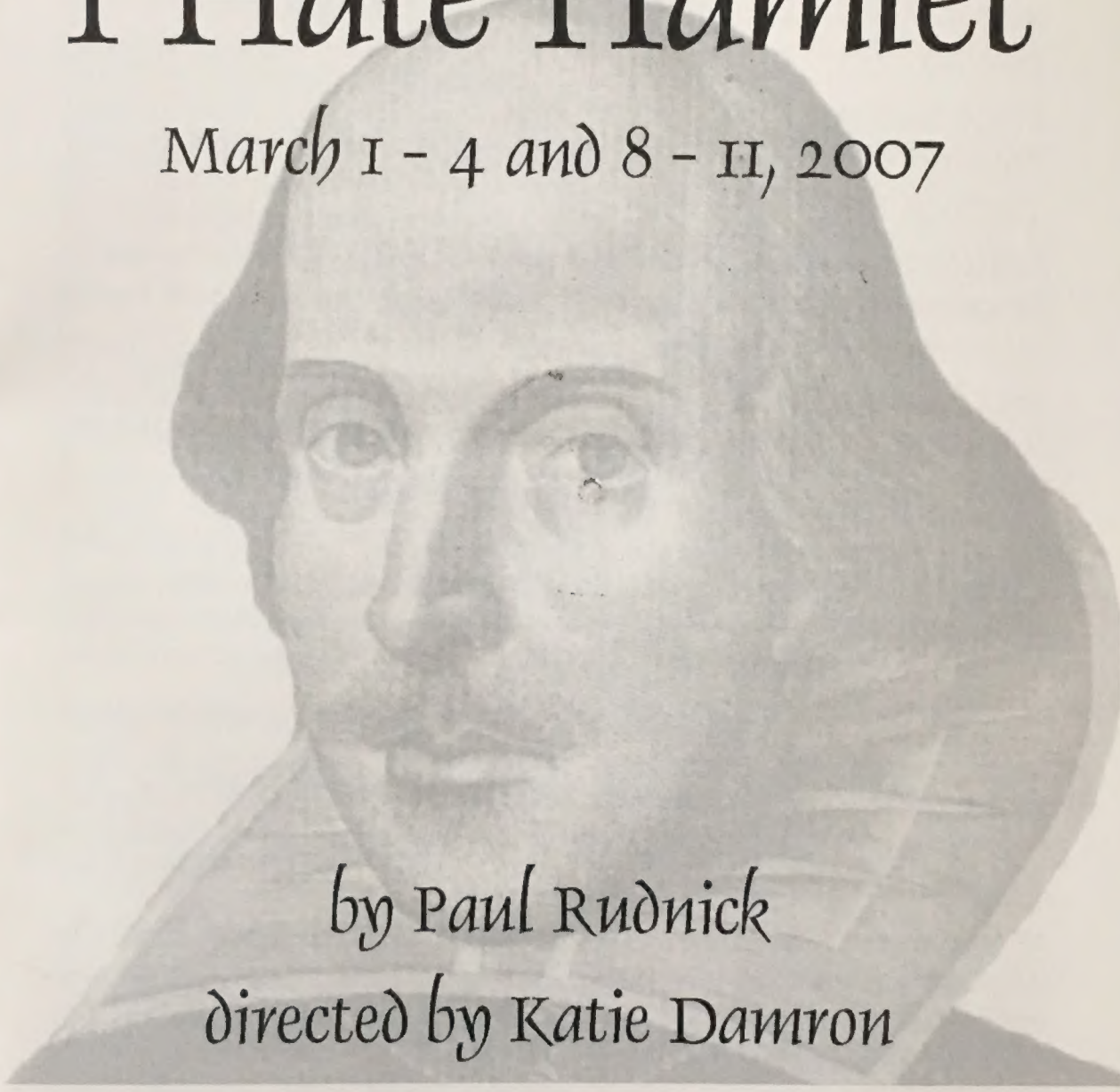


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# I Hate Hamlet

March 1 - 4 and 8 - 11, 2007



by Paul Rudnick  
directed by Katie Damron

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

# The Cast

Andrew Rally.....Trey Hobbs  
John Barrymore.....Kelly Melton  
Deirdre McDavey.....Kristal Vipperman  
Felicia Dantine.....Lindsay Brown  
Lillian Troy.....Dee Renko  
Gary Peter Lefkowitz.....Mark Gittner

## The Production Crew

Director.....Katie Damron  
Stage Manager.....Joan Scheide  
Fencing Choreographer.....Christian Badiu  
Technical Director/Set Designer.....Tom Scheide  
Costumer.....Marge Cowles  
Properties.....Syvia Pickell, Paige Carter, Sheri Pickell  
Lighting Design/Technician.....Tom Scheide  
Set Construction.....Tom Scheide, Joan Scheide,  
Ann Beaty, Michael Duffy  
Paint Crew.....Joan Scheide, Lee Ann Lovice,  
Kerry Strathman, Myra Yeatts  
Ann Beaty, Carmela Bryan

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Setting: New York City, the present.

Act I: Late Afternoon

Act II, Scene 1: Opening night, 6 weeks later

Act II, Scene 2: Seven A.M. the next morning

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Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. No photography is allowed during performances. Food and drinks restricted to lobby area only.



## MEET THE CAST

**Lindsay Brown** (Felicia Dantine) Lindsay is excited to be back in Sumter and working again with the Sumter Little Theatre. As a graduate in both the fine arts and art education, she enjoys having the opportunity to be involved with a production that incorporates both. She'd like to thank her family and friends for their support and asks for you to please console her dog, Ophelia.

**Mark Gittner** (Gary Peter Lefkowitz) This is Mark's first performance for SLT and his first after an 8 year hiatus from the stage. His credits include an off Broadway show and performances in numerous Southern California theatres. He welcomes his friends who thus far have only heard stories about his acting, and says "See, told ya!"

**Trey Hobbs** (Andrew Rally) Trey is finally playing an adult in a Sumter Little Theatre production! After many experiences in youth plays at SLT including *Wiley and the Hairy Man* and *Babe the Sheep Pig*. Trey is happy to be acting with his former theatre teacher from Sumter High School, Kelly Melton. Currently Trey is a sophomore at USC-Sumter and is looking forward to a move to the Columbia campus in the Fall. There he will pursue a major in Theatre Education.

**Dee Renko** (Lillian Troy) Dee is an SLT veteran and has appeared in productions of *Steel Magnolias*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Road to Mecca*, and most recently, *Mornings at Seven*, to name a few. She considers her greatest productions, however to be her children, Kelly, a costume major at USC and her son, Matt, a student at the School of American Ballet. Dee is a Branch Office Administrator for Edward Jones and a bookseller at Waldenbooks. She has no free time.

**Kelly Melton** (John Barrymore) Kelly is another veteran of the SLT stage. He has appeared in *The Butler Did It*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *Greater Tuna*, and *The Complete Works of Shakespeare* (Abridged), among others. He is a drama and theatre teacher at Sumter High School and has also been known to teach ballroom dance.

**Kristel Vipperman** (Deirdre McDave) Kristel is currently an insurance agent for Jim Robertson Insurance Agency and a student at USC Sumter. She has performed in *Once Upon A Mattress* at Sumter High School, *Bus Stop* and *Suddenly Last Summer* at USC Sumter, and most recently in the SLT blockbuster season opener, *Oklahoma!* Any free minute she has, though few and far between, she spends with her loving husband, Billy and her wonderful dog, Boston.



# Coming up at The Sumter Little Theatre

## **Alice in Wonderland**

April 19 - 22 and 26 - 29

Join us for this delightful retelling of Lewis Carroll's classic tale of Wonderland told through the talents of SLT's Youth Theatre students. The cast includes talented elementary, middle and high school students in a production that promises to be entertaining for the whole family.

## **Don't Dress For Dinner**

May 31 - June 3 and June 7 - 10

This is one for the grownups! Bernard is planning a weekend with his chic Parisian mistress in a French farmhouse. He has arranged for a cordon bleu cook to prepare gourmet delights, is packing his wife Jacqueline off to her mother's, and has even invited his best friend Robert to provide the alibi. It's foolproof--what could go wrong? Only everything. An evening of hilarious confusion ensues as Bernard and Robert improvise at breakneck speed.

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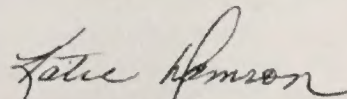


### **A Message From our Executive Director**

I am deeply grateful to Sumter County Council for the wise investments made in the arts and humanities for this county. The quality of life for all citizens is enhanced by your decisions to support the Sumter County Cultural Center and the Museum. The Sumter Little Theatre is proud to be a part of this Center and extremely grateful for our wonderful renovations. Our new backstage space is a joy to work in. The Mood Avenue Wing of the Cultural Center now has new office space, classroom space for the SLT Youth Theatre School, and the Pat Veltre Hall, housing rehearsal space for the Community Concert Band and Community Chorus. The Sumter County Cultural Center really has something for all citizens, participants and audiences.

To our County Council members, to the volunteers who build and paint and light our sets, to the actors and artists who give of their time and the time of their family and friends, to our phone sitters, our hair curlers and our face painters, to the children and parents, brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and grandparents I offer heartfelt gratitude and a hearty congratulations to all.

Finally, I want to pay special tribute to the many men and women of Shaw AFB who have contributed their time and talents to SLT over the years. In particular, CMSgt Tom Scheide and his wife, Joan have been invaluable volunteers this season. CMSgt Scheide is with the 20th Civil Engineering Squadron and will be deploying at the end of March. We will miss him and will look forward to his speedy return. Meanwhile Joan, keep the paint brushes handy.



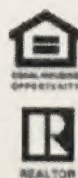
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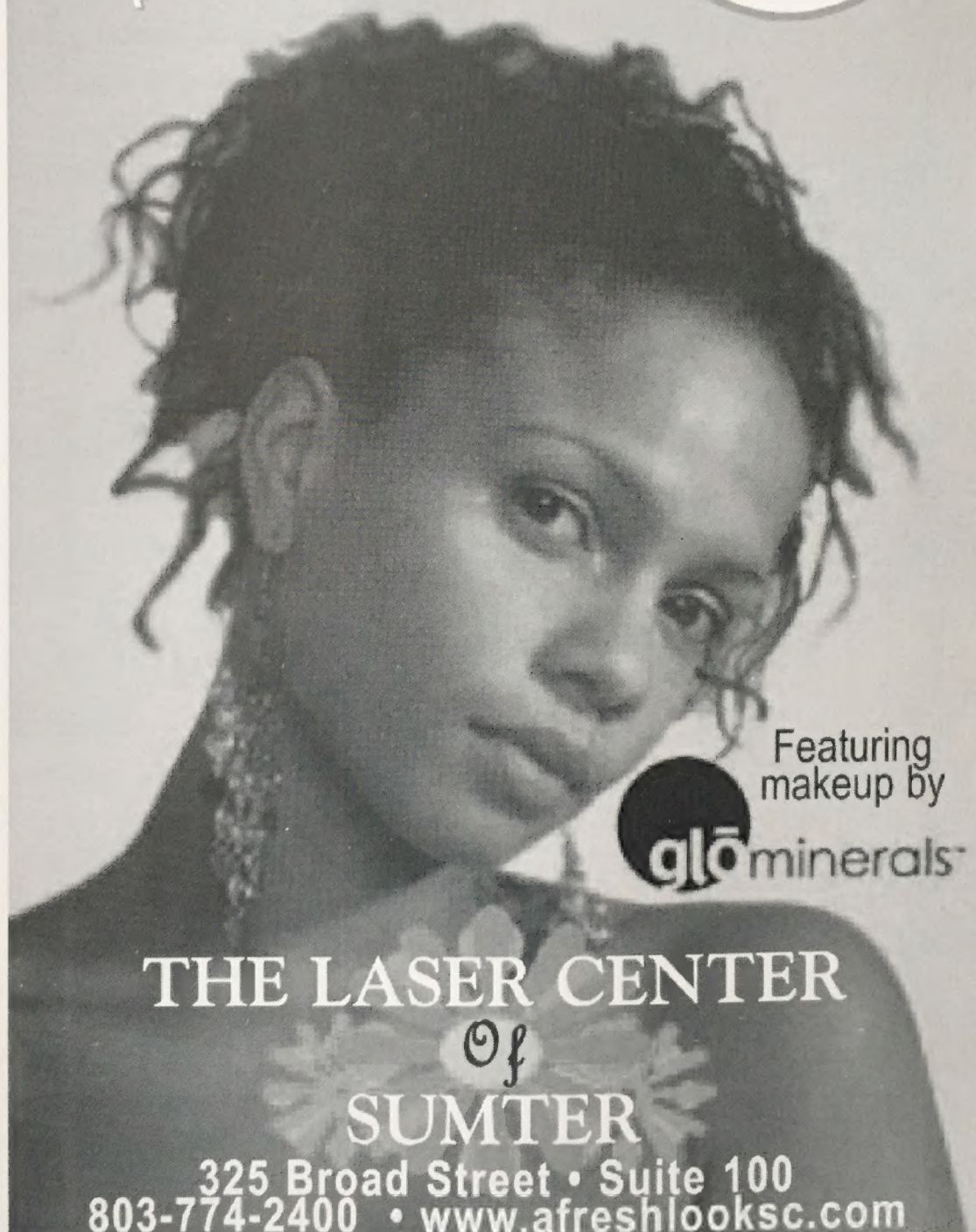
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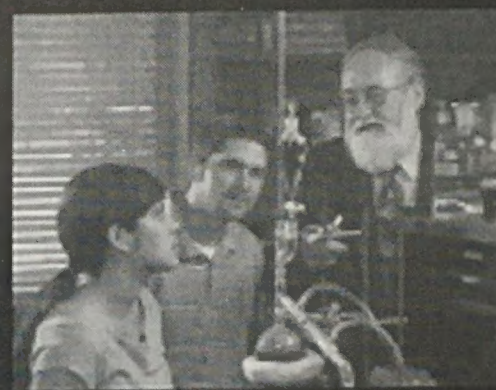
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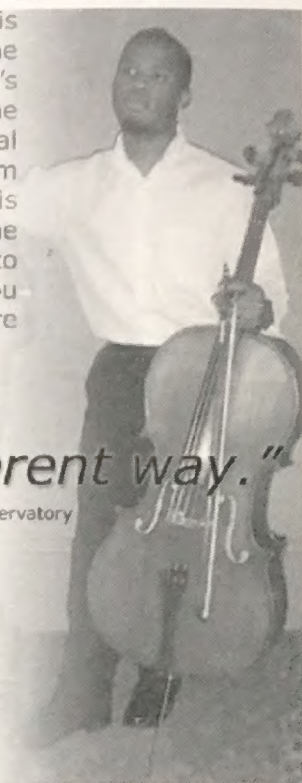
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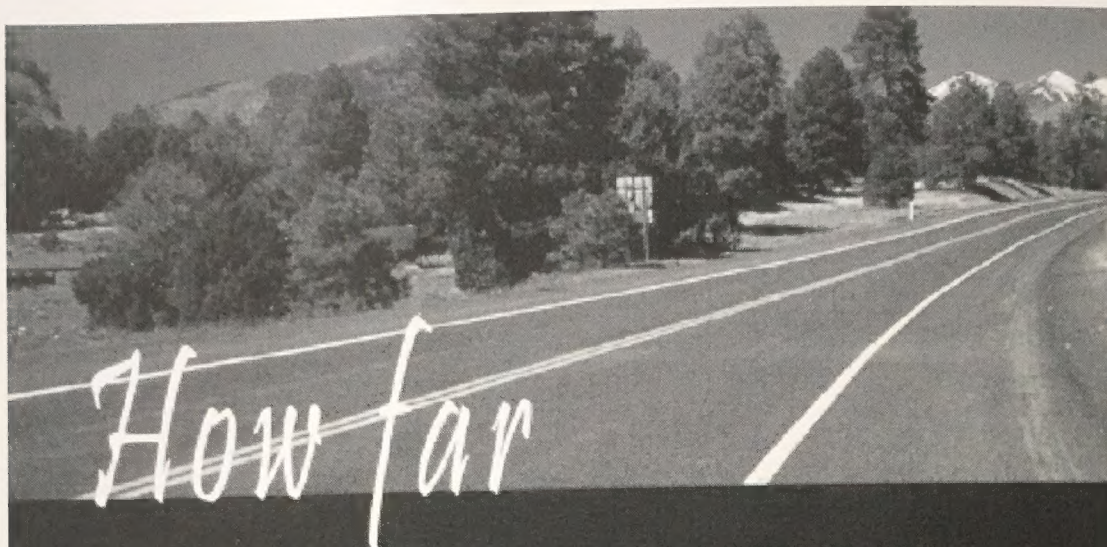


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